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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Hacker et al.  
Serial No. : Continuation of 09/370,373  
Filing Date : August 10, 1999  
For : **HERBICIDAL COMPOSITIONS FOR TOLERANT  
OR RESISTANT MAIZE CROPS**  
Examiner : S. Clardy  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application on the merits, kindly amend  
the application as follows: